with the U.S. President during the recent visit of the Prime Minister to USA and what is the outcome thereof; and

(b) Whether in view of the talks held, Government propose to make any change in its policy towards USA, and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Several bilateral, regional and international issues of mutual interest.

(b) with these talks, Government hope to enhance mutual understanding and expand areas of cooperation with the USA as part of a continuous effort to improve bilateral relations.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You lay the answer on the Table of the House. It will be taken as read.

Now, Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Working of the Dhruva Research Reactor

*85. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Dhurva Research Reactor is working at its rated capacity; if not what are the reasons therefor; and

(b) what steps have been taken to improve the working of the reactor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) The Dhruva Research reactor is currently operating satisfactorily at 80 percent of its rated capacity. Preparations are under way to raise the reactor power to its rated capacity.

(b) Initial problems of excessive fuel assembly vibrations have been overcome by the engineers and scientists of the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre by employing a modified design of fuel assemblies. Performance of the modified fuel assemblies has been checked at various power levels upto 80 MW (thermal) and found to be satisfactory.

Meeting on electoral reforms

*86. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governments attention has been drawn to the major opposition leaders meeting held recently in New Delhi on electoral reforms;

(b) whether the meeting has suggested some proposals on electoral reforms; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) What is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING, THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government is not aware of the conclusions that were reached at the meeting.

(c) Does not arise.